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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Langemeier, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 898.

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Mr. President, members of the body, as you've heard, the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee worked on this piece of legislation for a number of days and put a lot of effort into it. And as we came out with the committee amendment that you just heard about, went out to the body, and after further discussion after that day, one question was raised about "all interested parties." And there was some concern from a number of people that if...who is "all interested parties"? Could there be somewhere, someone, many, many miles away, be an interested party, that, would you have to try and notify people, basically, around the world to hit all interested parties? So we offer an amendment here that would strike that particular section of new language and add this new item in there: The agenda items shall be significant description and to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be conducted at the meeting. And with that, I think it's pretty straightforward. We'd ask for your adoption of this amendment to the committee amendment. And with that, I'd appreciate your support on AM2742. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator...are you finished, Senator Langemeier? Discussion of the Langemeier amendment, AM2742. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise to support the committee amendments and also the Langemeier amendment. And I want to take this opportunity to thank the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. They spent a lot of time on this bill. They worked with it. They worked with the interested parties who came to them to make the adjustments, and I really appreciate all of the Government Committee members and staff who put so much time into it. This particular amendment language essentially came from those discussions. And since I had given my word to the Government Committee that once we got to the floor I would not try to expand or increase the scope of the bill, it seemed to make sense to have Senator Langemeier introduce it rather than me